

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

CURTIS S. ADKISSON, Secretary

At the invitation of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union and the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the sixtieth Annual Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society was held at the Howard Johnson Convention Center in Omaha, Nebraska, from Thursday, 5 April to Sunday, 8 April 1979. The Executive Council met on Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon. Business and scientific papers' sessions were held in the International Room on Friday and Saturday. An informal open house, hosted by the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union, was held in the International Room Thursday evening. A program of slides was presented by Dr. Paul A. Johnsgard at the open house. Later that evening, a film, "Wild Chorus" by Mr. Glen Chambers, was shown in the International Room.

The Annual Banquet was held Saturday evening, and Mr. Chambers presented a slide show on American wildlife, and offered tips, based on his long experience in the field of wildlife photography, on how one can improve one's own photographic efforts.

There were field trips on Friday to see waterfowl concentrations along the Missouri River floodplain, on Saturday to see birds, primarily passerines, in the Fontenelle Forest, and on Sunday to see concentrations of migrating Sandhill Cranes and to visit a Prairie Chicken lek site.

FIRST BUSINESS MEETING

The session was called to order at 9:15, Friday, 6 April by Local Committee Chairman Roger Sharpe, who introduced Nebraska Ornithologists' Union Vice-President Ruth Green. Mrs. Green spoke briefly in welcoming the Society to Nebraska. President James responded to her welcome, commenting that the Society had met in Omaha in 1946, the first meeting of the Society in 5 years. At that meeting George Sutton became president of the Society, and N. Tinbergen gave a paper on bird behavior. President James then called to order the first business meeting. He announced that due to the airline strike the Treasurer could not attend the meeting, and his report had not yet arrived. For the same reason, there was no list of new members for posting. He appointed Robert Burns chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

Secretary C. S. Adkisson summarized the actions taken by Executive Council on Thursday evening:

1. The council heard all officers' and committee reports except that of the Treasurer. This report will be presented at the second business meeting.
2. Editor Jon C. Barlow was unanimously re-elected.
3. Council approved the recommendations of the committees on awards. Winners of awards will be announced at the annual banquet.
4. The Society will meet next year from 19 to 23 March 1980 in Corpus Christi, Texas, at the La Quinta Royal Motel, jointly with the Cooper Ornithological Society. Brian Chapman of Corpus Christi State University is chairman of the Local Committee.

The Council has accepted the invitation of the Canadian Wildlife Service to meet in 1981, in Sackville, New Brunswick, from 4 to 7 June. A firm date has been established for the 1982 meeting, to be held on the campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia, from 6 to 9 May.

Following the Secretary's report, President James introduced Peter Hiekin, of the Canadian Wildlife Service, who summarized accommodations and field opportunities for the 1981 meeting in Sackville, N.B.

President James introduced Bulletin Editor, Jon C. Barlow, who presented a summary of his report to the membership.

Following announcements by Local Chairman Sharpe and Program Chairman Gaunt, the meeting was adjourned.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR—1978

Though the job is a time-consuming one, I enjoy editing *The Wilson Bulletin*. Until now, I have made few changes in emphasis, feeling that Dr. Jackson did an excellent job as editor. Basically I am following procedures developed by Jerry Jackson and earlier editors. In order to keep Xeroxing costs to a minimum, I have indicated to authors that 3 copies of their manuscript rather than two should be sent to the Editor; only that major change has been made.

From the time that I began as editor in May 1978, I have received just over 300 manuscripts either rerouted through Dr. Jackson, or from new authors. Of these, 137 manuscripts were new, the others at some stage of the editorial process. Status of manuscripts at present in some stage of the editorial process is:

<u>Status</u> ¹	Notes	<u>Numbers</u> Papers	Total
Published	20	10	30
Acknowledged			12
Referees requested			6
At 2 referees			4
At 1 referee			22
Referee reports received			25
Manuscripts returned for revision			51
Revisions received			30
Accepted			70
Rejected			27

On an issue-by-issue basis, the following is the status of volumes 91 and 92:

Volume 91

No. 1, March: 176 pp., 10 papers, 20 notes, 13 reviews, 1 page of news, Proceedings of the Fifty-ninth Annual Meeting. Published 27 April 1979.

No. 2, June: ca. 180 pp., 11 papers, 14 notes, 6 reviews, 1 page of news, 1 page suggestions to authors.

No. 3, September: pp. unknown, 11 papers, 11 notes, Proceedings of the Sixtieth Annual Meeting.

No. 4, December: pp. unknown, 8 papers, 16 notes.

Volume 92

No. 1, March: pp. unknown, 3 papers, 9 notes.

No. 2, June: pp. unknown, 6 papers, 6 notes.

¹ All figures updated to 1 June 1979.

This has been a year of transition with Dr. Jackson receiving perhaps more new manuscripts than I as our authors adjusted to the change in editorship. In the first half year, a deluge of manuscripts arrived in my office, directly, or rerouted through Dr. Jackson. Though this large number of manuscripts initially slowed down the editorial process, we are now beginning to reduce the backlog. A strong response from referees was most helpful in keeping abreast at the onset, however more recently, it has been difficult to locate two evaluators with speed.

We will not have published the last of the manuscripts originally submitted to Dr. Jackson until sometime in 1980. Thus, it is difficult to be certain what our turn-around time is going to be. At present, it appears to be in the order of 16 months for both notes and major papers, from time of first receiving a manuscript. From date of acceptance to publication the lag is about 1 year.

I have appreciated the patience and assistance of both authors and referees in this initial period of adjustment and hope that *The Wilson Bulletin* continues to meet with the satisfaction of members.

Jon C. Barlow, *Editor*

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Year Ending 31 December 1978

GENERAL FUNDS

Balance as of last report, 31 December 1977 \$18,463.65

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues		
Active for 1978	\$ 5,202.00	
Active for 1979	10,162.00	
Total Active		\$15,364.00
Sustaining for 1978	765.00	
Sustaining for 1979	780.00	
Total Sustaining		1,545.00
Subscriptions to <i>The Wilson Bulletin</i>		
For 1978	2,330.00	
For 1979	3,960.00	
Total Subscriptions		6,290.00
Advance Renewals		320.00
Sales of Back Issues of <i>The Wilson Bulletin</i>		2,461.50
Interest and Dividends on Savings & Investments		
Income from General Endowment Fund	5,416.39	
Income from G. M. Sutton Colorplate Fund	1,970.78	
Income from Paul A. Stewart Fund	1,199.78	
Interest on Endowment Savings Account	730.88	
Total Interest and Dividends		9,317.83
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